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TAGS: ETRD, UK, US, EEC
SUBJECT: UK DUMPING CASE AGAINST STEREO FLONG FROM U.S.:
STATUS REPORT

REF: LONDON 317

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE IS PROCEEDING VERY CAUTIOUSLY IN COMING TO GRIPS WITH STEREO FLONG. RATHER THAN APPLYING A STRAIGHTFORWARD ANTIDUMPING DUTY, AS ANTICIPATED IN REFTTEL, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO EXTEND THE INVESTIGATION FOR ANOTHER 90 DAYS IN ORDER TO RE-EXAMINE SOME INFORMATION RECEIVED LATE IN THE INVESTIGATION FROM 3M'S OFFICE IN LONDON. HOWEVER, BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 3 A "PROVISIONAL CHARGE" OF .0627 PENCE (10.4 CENTS)PER FLONG WILL BE APPLIED FOR A 90-DAY PERIOD, PENDING COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION.

2. BRITISH AUTHORITIES DO NOT CONSIDER THIS TEMPORARY
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DUTY CHARGE TO BE AN ANTIDUMPING DUTY, BUT RATHER A CASH SECURITY DEPOSIT WHICH IS PAID IN THE EVENT THAT A DEFINITIVE ANTIDUMPING DUTY IS IMPOSED AT A LATER DATE. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH DOT WHETHER THIS "PROVISIONAL CHARGE" IS IN FACT A PROVISIONAL ANTIDUMPING DUTY. THEY ADMIT THAT IN PRACTICAL EFFECT IT IS, BUT FOR DOMESTIC LEGAL REASONS HM CUSTOMS INSISTS ON THE TERM

"PROVISIONAL CHARGE."

3. COMMENT. IN VIEW OF 3M'S APPARENT DISINTEREST IN DEFENDING ITSELF (AS REPORTED REFTTEL), IT IS SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR WHY DOT IS PROCEEDING SO CAUTIOUSLY. IN INFORMING US OF THIS MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENT, HOWEVER, THEY DID MUMBLE SOMETHING ABOUT 3M BEING IN THE FORMER CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE.
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